Certified Nurse Assistant







Do You Like...

- ... taking care of people?
- ... organization and detail?
- ... using basic math skills?
- ... listening to others?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' Certified Nurse **Assistant** career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a certified nurse assistant, including:

- » Caring for patients and helping with such daily activities as bathing and dressing.
- » Performing basic nursing responsibilities, including taking and recording vital signs and turning and positioning patients.
- » Controlling infections.
- » Understanding and following safety and emergency procedures.
- >> Understanding how to care for patients with dementia and Alzheimer's.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

- » Concern for others
- » Dependability
- » Integrity
- » Cooperation
- » Attention to detail

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a certified nurse assistant, including having:

- » Basic math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests
- » Registration with the state regulatory authority
- » Compliance with state requirements that may involve a criminal background check and completion of a training program meeting federal content requirements

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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have gained the knowledge and skills to help you succeed in your career. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Health Care training program can earn nationally recognized credentials from the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) and a state-issued credential/license.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most Certified Nurse Assistant graduates provide basic care for patients in hospitals and residents of long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes. Nurse assistants help patients of all ages perform day-to-day tasks, and most certified nurse assistants work full time. Because nursing homes and hospitals provide care at all hours, schedules may include nights, weekends, and holidays.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most certified nurse assistants is \$26,000/year.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit mynextmove.org.





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